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Smithsonian Folklife Festival Features Falls Church City's Storied Past

Roots of Virginia Culture Exhibition, Sunday, July 1, 2007

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – City of Falls Church history and culture dating back to 1699 will be featured for one day at the 2007 Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Members of the City's Virginia 2007 Committee will represent the City in the Family and Community section of the "Roots of Virginia Culture" exhibition on Sunday, July 1, 2007 from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Others in the Family and Community section include professional genealogists who specialize in tracing ancestry from England, Africa, and Virginia, and representatives from Kent, England sharing the English perspective.

The City is one of more than 180 communities participating in the celebration and commemoration of the settlement of Jamestown and its continuing legacy as part of America's 400th Anniversary. Legacy efforts in the City were undertaken by the City's Virginia 2007 Committee, which was established in 2005 by City Council proclamation, and is chaired by Greater Falls Church Chamber of Commerce member Barbara Cram.

In addition to assistance provided by City government, numerous community groups have worked with the Committee, including: The Greater Falls Church Chamber of Commerce, The Village Preservation and Improvement Society, The Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation, The Victorian Society at Falls Church, FIRSTfriday, Falls Church Arts, Taste of Falls Church, Garden Clubs of Virginia, Dave Eckert and Virginia Village Productions, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

For more information about the Folklife Festival, visit www.folklife.si.edu.

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